

Who is this?

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Pizza delivery person robbed

A pizza delivery person was robbed at gunpoint on Monday, July 25, at 9:32 p.m. on the 400 block of Village Circle. The suspects were both male, one described as black. Both were between the ages of 18-23, and were wearing dark-

colored bandanas over their faces and dark-colored hoodies. The victim was unharmed. An investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the Winters Police Department at 795-4561.

Planners approve ordinance banning medical marijuana dispensaries in town

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

Before the planning commission could get down to business at the July 26 meeting, there was a little business to take care of. First, the swearing in of new commissioners Bill Biasi and Luis Reyes, and incumbent Bruce Guelden. Guelden's first act in his new term was to nominate Wade Cowan as commission chairman, which was unanimously approved, as was former chairman Pierre New as the vice chairman.

A controversial topic was the newly configured planning commission's first task, that of whether or not to recommend that the city council adopt an ordinance prohibiting businesses that are prohibited by state or federal law. While the wording of this agenda item may have appeared vague to some, as soon as the City Attorney and Winters Police Department made their presentations, the intent of the item was clear: to prevent the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries (MMDs) in Winters.

City Attorney John Wallace made a presentation on the item, explaining that the language of the ordinance was lifted from an ordinance in Woodland to prevent the establishment of MMDs there.

"We've had discussions before at this level, the council has had discussions, the staff has had discussions — our recommendation is to follow in Woodland's footsteps on this issue," said Wallace, emphasizing that judgments about the benefits of medical marijuana is not the issue. The main concern is "whether we have the resources and the wherewithal to monitor the activities of an MMD in Winters."

"We concluded that we could not effectively monitor one," said Wallace, adding that the city not only doesn't have the ability to handle potential crime related to the dispensary, it also has no ability to monitor the non-profit status and amount of product going in and out of a dispensary.

Wallace cited law enforcement reports

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Photo by Debbie Hemenway

Friends in high places: Kyle Karlen and Dixon firefighter Jarod Infante (hidden in the ironwork) squeezed between the girders and the roadbed of the railroad bridge over Putah Creek to hang three bat boxes on July 27. The boxes were Kyle's Eagle Scout project.

Going batty under the bridge

By DEBBIE HEMENWAY
Staff writer

When the Express tried to interview Kyle Karlen for a story about his Eagle Scout project last week, he was not available for comment because he was, literally, hung up at the time.

Kyle and Dixon firefighter Jarod Infante spent much of Wednesday, July 27, on the

underside of the railroad trestle bridge, hanging three 80 pound "bat boxes." Kyle built the boxes to provide a habitat for the nocturnal animals which would be closer to their feeding environment in the creek and a bit further away from the downtown area where they currently sleep away their days.

Speaking for Kyle while he labored away in tight spaces

in the heat of a late July afternoon was his father, Ron Karlen, who is a Dixon fire chief and who worked with his son throughout the project. Also on hand — and securing the lines on which Kyle and Infante had rappelled over the side of the bridge — were half a dozen members of the Winters and

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Winters' future still uncertain in redistricting process

By JONATHAN EDWARDS
McNaughton Newspapers

Winters remains a prized, if vexing, piece in a redistricting puzzle that Yolo County supervisors now have to put together.

A group of landowners say keeping the town of 6,600 people in

the rural 5th District is key to preserving the voice of agriculture on the Board of Supervisors. Others say lumping Winters with West Davis and replacing the lost population from the 5th District with people from Woodland does just that without splitting

up tight-knit communities.

The county's Redistricting Advisory Committee recommended three maps that include both possibilities and sent them to the board, which is scheduled to review them at its Sept. 17 meeting, said spokes-

woman Beth Gabor.

Winters resident Tom Barth is leading a group of landowners who want to keep the 5th District focused on agriculture. Pulling Winters out of that district and replacing it with a bigger hunk of

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Garden Goddesses will share ideas for backyard farming



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Kami McBride (left) and Spring Warren are the Garden Goddesses, and will come to Winters for a free talk and book-signing on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m. at the Winters Community Library.

By DEBRA DeANGELO
Express editor

Spring Warren transformed her yard into her own micro-farm in an average residential neighborhood. Kami McBride learned to grow and harvest her own plants and herbs to keep her family healthy. What do they have in common? Both were dissatisfied with how things were and embarked on a path to find another option. And, both will appear in Winters together for the first time on Wednesday, Aug. 17, to inspire others to take gardening to the next level. Their talk begins at 6 p.m. at the Winters Community Library, and everyone

is welcome.

With Warren's strategy of making use of every inch of space surrounding the home, and McBride's strategy of growing and harvesting medicinal plants and herbs that are often native to this area and grow easily, together they will strive to show home gardeners how to "use their gardens in more ways than you imagined possible," summarizes McBride.

McBride will be familiar to many as the leader of hikes at Stebbins Cold Canyon, where she teaches about the abundant native vegetation that can ease all sorts of aches, pains and

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WEATHER

Weather readings are taken at 9 a.m. daily, covering the previous 24 hour period.

Date	Rain	HI	Lo
July 27		93	59
July 28		96	61
July 29		99	60
July 30		98	61
July 31		93	59
August 1		94	55
August 2		93	57

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OBITUARY

Charles K. Snyder

Charles K. "Ken" Snyder passed away July 11, 2011, at the age of 87. Grandson of Yolo County pioneer Jacob Snyder, Ken lived his entire life on the family ranch in Solano County. Son of Charles C. Snyder and Susan Ethel Wright, Ken received his early education at Currey School, a one-room school house near Dixon, and graduated in 1941 from Davis High School.

Ken served in the Merchant Marines during World War II and then returned home to run the family farm in Solano County. He developed the property in 1957 to grow alfalfa, sugar beets and grain.

Married for 50 years to Dea Jean McEvoy, the two were blessed with five children: Charles and John (Joyce) of Winters, Robert of Davis, Steven (Roxanne) of Woodland, and Trish Paetz of Hollister.

Ken enjoyed hunting with his sons and grandsons, fly fishing on the Upper Sacramento River, and traveling with his cousin Marjorie Way of Watsonville.

He was preceded in death by his brother Gerald of the East Bay.

He leaves behind nine grandchildren: Jennifer, Susan, Nathan, Wesley, Mark, Jacqueline, Shane, Jenna and Charles, and seven great-grandchildren.

Ken was an attentive and caring husband, father and grandfather, and he will be greatly missed.

Weekly police report

July 20

~ 10:51 p.m., 700 block of Lupine Way, unknown suspects took an unattended purse that was resting on top of the trunk of the victim's vehicle. Estimated loss: still pending.

July 22

~ 9:58 p.m., a 15-year-old Winters juvenile was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana for sale, being a minor out after curfew, possession of less than 28.5 grams of marijuana, and possession of a device with an altered or defaced serial number. The juvenile was booked at the Winters Police Department and transported to the Yolo County Juvenile Detention Facility for incarceration.

July 24

~ 4:42 a.m., 100 block of East Grant Avenue, unknown suspects broke a window to a business. Estimated damage: \$300.

July 26

~ 9:47 p.m., 400 block of Village Circle, two male suspects robbed a pizza delivery worker at gunpoint. One of the suspects is described as a black male, age 18 to 23 with a dark-colored bandana covering his face. Both of the suspects were last seen wearing dark-colored hoodies. The victim was unharmed. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with any information about this case is asked to contact the police department by calling (530) 795-4561 or emailing tips.winters@winterspolice.org.

~ 11:27 p.m., 20000 block of County Road 87D, officers assisted by the Yolo County Sheriff's Department

with a verbal fight. Parties were counseled.

July 27

~ 9:59 a.m., 400 block of Main Street, unknown suspects entered a locked residence and took items of value. Estimated loss: \$25.58.

~ 10:48 p.m., 100 block of Purtell Court, officers assisted the Yolo County Sheriff's Department with a burglary investigation.

July 28

~ 7:47 p.m., 20000 block of Highway 128, officers assisted the Yolo County Sheriff's Department with a burglary investigation.

~ 9:35 p.m., Richard Francis Antoine, 56, of Winters, was driving westbound on Grant Avenue, approaching West Main Street. Amanda Juarez Garcia, 58, of Winters, was stopped in the west-bound lane of Grant Avenue, preparing to turn into her driveway. Antoine was attempting to read a text message, when he dropped his phone. While Antoine was distracted, he did not see Garcia stopped in the roadway and collided with the bumper of Garcia's vehicle.

July 29

~ 4:06 p.m., 400 block of Edwards Street, a suspect accessed the victim's airline miles account information and drained the account.

~ 8:57 p.m., Yvonne Renee Waller, 41, of Bellingham, was arrested on a charge of being intoxicated in public. Waller was transported to the Yolo County Jail for booking and incarceration.

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YESTERYEAR



File photo

These four members of the Winters High School chapter of Future Farmers of America were honored by the Wells Fargo Bank in April 1971, for their outstanding projects. Left to right are Robert Gordon, Joe Turkovich and Fred Ramos, gold awards; and Jesse Armenteros, silver award.

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August 17, 1961

The Winters City Council, at its meeting Tuesday evening, adopted a tentative budget of \$219,552.53, without a tax increase being necessary.

Rev. Max Inman, pastor of the Winters Assembly of God Church, has resigned to accept a call as pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Salida.

The assessed evaluation for the City of Winters for the 1961-62 year will be \$1,825,575, down \$78,225 from last year.

Mrs. Roy Brewer was named president of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church at the annual election of officers of the group held Monday evening at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Baker, Sr., who in the spring sold their Abbey Street residential property to Leo Robertson, have built a house in Vacaville and plan to make their future home in that city.

Fr. Andrew Coffey, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, is expected back on Saturday, August 26, from New York City where he is visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Sally Stuenkel and two sons spent several days this week vacationing in Santa Cruz.

August 16, 1946

Bids on the first section of the Vacaville-Winters-Dunnigan cut-off, 5.7 miles of road from the Nut Tree to Sweeney Creek, will be opened September 4 in Sacramento.

Winters Joint Union High School is scheduled to open Monday, September 9, for the fall semester, E.W. Parsons, new principal, announced. James C. Boynton of Berkeley, who has just completed a year of post graduate study at the University of California, will teach social studies, and Miss Janet Mast of Esparto, a graduate of the College of the Pacific, has been elected to teach English and girls' physical education.

Richard Djubek, son of Mrs. R.C. Snodgrass, and Eusabio Carrion, son of Mrs. Anna Carrion, of Winters, received honorable discharge from the Navy at Shoemaker on August 7.

Builders began work this week on remodeling J.H. Rosenberry's drug store.

Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Huntley and family, of Sacramento, visited briefly at the home of Mrs. Christie Reasoner Thursday en route to Point Arena where they plan to vacation.

August 18, 1911

Rev. Gordon Palmer leaves Monday to resume his studies at the State University at Berkeley.

A bell weighing 800 pounds, of good tone quality, was placed in the tower of the Catholic Church recently.

Announcement is made that on September 6, Ringling Brothers' World's greatest shows will give two performances in Sacramento.

The Rice home in Wolfskill district is undergoing an overhauling, which improvements will add much to the pretty road on which it is located.

Miss Verda Bowman was 10 years old last week. A few of her young friends were invited to spend the afternoon with her in honor of the day.

W.V. Zhamensky, an official of the Russian government, is working at the August Brinck ranch as a common laborer, learning the art of drying fruit.

Lee Marshall, Will Young and Charles Chambers had a successful dove shoot in the Hungry Hollow country the first of the week.

August 14, 1896

Republicans of East and West Winters precincts met at the Opera House Saturday last to select delegates for the county convention to meet in Woodland tomorrow. Frank Wyatt and George North were elected delegates.

Friday evening, Aug. 7, at the residence of W.B. Reed, four miles up the Canyon, the Epworth League gave another one of their enjoyable parties to their many friends.

John Lechleiter has announced that he is closing down the town's water system because his fuel bill during the past six months has amounted to \$60 more than the receipts for water. "I once made a proposition to the town to furnish me with one cord of wood per month with which to keep up steam all night for fire protection, but it was refused."

Dr. Caldwell has purchased the Weihe residence on Main Street and moved into it. Mr. Weihe has taken the house on Russell Street vacated by the doctor.

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CORRECTION

In the caption under the front page photo of Sarina Neal, last week, she was identified as Sheri Neal's daughter. Sarina is actually her granddaughter. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

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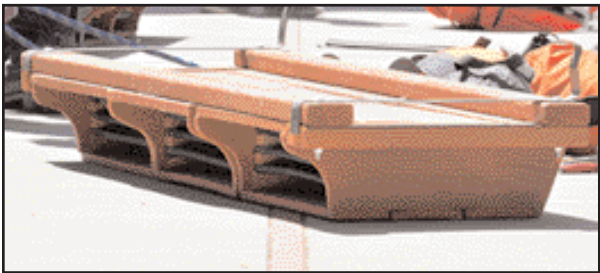
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Firefighters from Winters and Dixon served as support crew for Kyle Karlen as he installed his bat boxes below the roadbed of the railroad bridge.

The 80-pound boxes, at right, each with three interior bars for bats to hang from, were hung vertically from the gridwork of Railroad bridge. Each box can provide snug sleeping quarters for up to 120 bats.



BATTY

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Dixon fire departments.

Ron laughingly referred to the presence of the Dixon crew as “mutual aid.” It was probably also a much-needed break for him and his men, who had spent the previous day fighting the plastics fire in Fairfield that had filled the evening sky with a low black haze on the southern horizon.

He was not laughing as he described his son’s project, however, and his pride was evident.

Kyle invested some 120 hours leading up to his four hours among the girders above Putah Creek. Internet research was the first step, looking at designs for shelters that would attract and protect the bats. City Public Works Director Eric Lucero also helped with the research, making sure that whatever was built would be safe and structurally sound.

After choosing the plan that best suited the location and the structure of the bridge itself, Kyle located the materials and donors who helped to provide them: pressure treated wood, scrap redwood and hardware components.

The City of Winters was encouraging of the project and donated some of the components through the Public Works Department.

The construction of the bat condos was done with the help of work parties of other Scouts, with Kyle supervising.

The time spent on the project is in addition to the 80 hours Kyle spent with the Winters Fire Department for his Senior Project. That training included becoming familiar with technical rescue equipment, which explains the comfort the young man had with the ropes and harnesses that lowered him and secured him during the installation.

The boxes are large enough to accommodate approximately 120 bats each. Kyle will be checking in periodically to see how they like their new home before he leaves to attend BYU Idaho for the fall semester, where, according to his father, he will study Public Safety.

Once the insect eaters have established themselves, Winters residents should be able to enjoy watching their early evening forays into the creek. It might not be quite as spectacular as the thousands of bats, which make their nightly rounds from the Yolo Causeway, but it will be still another step in the restoration of the Putah Creek Nature Park and will be a source of justifiable pride for Kyle and his family.

Weekly fire department report

- July 18 ~ 21000 block of County Road 88, mutual aid to Madison shop fire
- ~ 200 block of Niemann Street, medical aid, head injury

- July 21 ~ 10 block of Myrtle Circle, medical aid, victim fainted

- July 22 ~ Putah Creek and Interstate 505, investigation of fallen tree limb
- ~ 400 block of Grant Avenue, medical aid, victim of a fall
- ~ Putah Creek and Gaddini roads, medical

Opinion

LETTERS

Park clean-up set Saturday

The day is coming ... the Friends of Winters Parks' clean-up/repair day is this Saturday, Aug. 6, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Grab your work gloves, hammers and rakes, and come on down to the City Park and give us a hand. Please sign in at the welcome table and we will let you know what needs to be done. Be sure to sign out when you leave to qualify for the raffle prizes! The Friends of Winters Parks has many projects planned to make our park a cleaner, safer and a more pleasant place to be, but what actually gets done depends on how many community members show up to help. There will be jobs for all skill levels, but due to the scope of some of the repairs and for the safety of all involved, all workers need to be at least 14 years old. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Along with gloves, hammers and rakes, other tools are needed for the day. Please bring any of the following that you may have: saw-zall, screw guns, cords, twist-loc adapters, socket/end wrenches and paint brushes. We are also in need of a rototiller to help loosen up the sand. If you have one

that can be used, please send an email to ljtocco@yahoo.com. Please make sure all the tools you bring have your name and phone number on them.

We will be celebrating our cleaned up and improved park on Saturday, Aug. 13, with a community ice cream social starting at 6 p.m. and will go until the ice cream runs out! So come on down after dinner and enjoy some ice cream.

Please visit our Facebook page, Friends of Winters Parks, or email ljtocco@yahoo.com for more information. We are looking forward to a fun and productive community workday. Please join us.

FRIENDS OF WINTERS PARKS

Bad site for solar panels

Have you heard about solar panels coming to Winters?

They want to remove a newly planted walnut orchard at County Road 87D and Grant Avenue, a quarter mile past Tomat's, and put in 8-foot solar panels on 18 acres. I am not against the idea to help combat the decline in energy resources. I think solar is a great step in helping the environment. I am against anyone trying to slip it by without the public knowledge. Having spoken to hundreds and an appeal filed July 29, the more I talked to about this pro-

ject... the less people seemed to know about what is going on. It is now extremely obvious that this deal is trying to be slid through with the least amount of people aware as possible. I want everyone to know Now! Tell others.

I don't want your money, I want your support.

This project will be putting an 8-foot-high chain link fence around the perimeter of the massive solar panels. Directly behind Suffolk Place on the west side of town.

This will decrease the home values of those surrounding it. With a decline already in the housing market, we should be doing everything possible to make homes in our little community worth more, not less! The current homeowners and any potential buyers for 35 years ... the length of the project the must disclose that you have a 17.8-acre solar commercial park within a certain distance and it's like 1 mile.

On July 14, there was a city planning meeting with five people sitting at a table and five people sitting in the audience. They voted in favor of yanking out the trees and yanking money right out of your pocket and replacing it with an 8-foot chain link fence and solar panels. Why are we talking about and voting on a solar project in a county with no solar ordinance established yet... Hello! why are we starting next to town on

the best soil... should we not be looking at alternate sites that will not cost us \$\$? Do we want to take prime agriculture soil and make it an unsightly piece of land? There are many locations throughout the outlying areas where this could go that helps keep the integrity of Winters as a quaint farming community, that puts us on the green environmental map. Why are we tearing out orchards first? Wasn't I supposed to be notified?

This project has been appealed by a number of residents in the community and is going in front of the county's Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Sept. 13, in Woodland on Court Street. If you would like to help save the integrity of this small town and stop this project from going in where it is planned, please show up to that meeting and voice your concerns. Each public attendee can voice their opinion for three minutes.

Again, we are not opposed to solar for the community. We are opposed to the manner of how this project is being pushed through in an underhanded way. We would also like it in a location where it will not be in our back yards and where it will not affect the values of our homes. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Contact me at atozmotors1@aol.com or (707) 685-7048.

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CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

UTILITY BILLS. Our city utility bill just went up to \$100.48, or just over \$1,200 per year. Most of us pay the same bill, month after month, but that is going to change Jan. 1, 2012. Like our electric bill, we will soon be charged for the water we use, not just an average usage for all of Winters.

At the bottom of your utility bill there is a note about what you would have paid had they been charging you for your water use. My water bill will be going up, at least during the summer months. I'm planning on my water bill going down in the winter when I'm not watering my lawn, but we will wait and see next January.

I've been fixing water leaks and adjusting my sprinklers, but according to my city bill, I haven't been doing enough. The word from City Hall is that we should be using about 18-20 units of water per month. I used 33. That comes out to be about \$15 per month more than I'm paying now. The question is will I be using \$15 per month less in the winter months?

If you think about water like we think about electricity, I think we will be fine with the new water rates. In the summer I use more electricity than I do in the spring, and I'll use less water when it is raining, as long as I remember to turn off the sprinklers. This will be a learning experience for all of us, but if we don't like sending money to City Hall we will all watch our water consumption and have lower annual bills.

SOLAR FARMS. Most of you know that I am pro photovoltaic, or solar panels. There is a little controversy starting in the county about solar farms on ag land. The subject came up last year when someone proposed a large solar field by the Yolo Causeway. I thought the Yolo County Supervisors called time out so they could pass an ordinance about where, when and how big solar farms could be.

Jump forward to last month, the supervisors gave the okay for a 17.7 acre solar project just outside of Winters to the west. Without knowing anything about the project I'm for it. I'm sure there are arguments against using ag land for solar panels, but if we want to stop importing oil to make electricity, we need to start making our own electricity. If you lived on a canal and wanted to put in a low flow generator, more power to you. If you have the land and need electricity for your farming operation, I don't see any reason why you can't put in a solar field to generate electricity.

Should you be a good neighbor? Absolutely. Solar panels aren't the most attractive device ever made, but they can be hidden from view. The city has thousands of panels behind the sewer plant that no one even knows are there, but I'm sure the neighbors do. Panels don't have to be very high off the ground and if there is a way to hide them from view, even better.

If the county can come up with guidelines for solar fields it would stop the confusion when someone wants to install them on ag land. They should not take so long deciding on an ordinance as to stall current projects, but there needs to be consistency in their decisions. If they want to hear each project and vote up or down that would be fine too, but that would be asking for trouble in the long run.

One thing about putting solar panels on farm land is that you can always remove them, in say 25 or 50 years. If you build housing on farm land, it is probably gone forever.

Enjoy the sun and have a good week.

Get ready for some fun times, thanks to planet Mercury

Oh, you can feel it heating up. Summer, yes. But Mercury Retrograde too.

Now, I'm not an astrologer, but I have friends who are, and they swear by the stars. Me, I'm willing to consider that there's something to it, that things fall into natural place without interference.

It's like walking on a sideways slope. If you don't resist gravity pulling you sideways, you'll head downhill. Once you're aware of that pull, you can resist it, and continue straight forward. That's my take on astrology — gravitational pull you can adapt to, compensate for and otherwise interfere with, as long as you're aware of it.

The fact that there's no scientific evidence to validate astrology or that I don't really understand it doesn't bother me much. If I only believed in things I understand, I'd never get on an airplane again, because I don't give a rip about the laws of aerodynamics, my own brain tells me that a ton of tube-shaped metal is too heavy to go up in the air and stay there. Yet, I board the plane anyway. Not without a fistful of Xanax, mind you.

On some random talk show recently, there was an acclaimed scientist (whose name and field of study I can't recall) explaining dark energy in the universe. This is what I do remember: the heavenly bodies are connected on an energetic, magnetic level that humans don't (yet) understand.

History shows that there have been a great many humans who didn't understand what turned out to exist: the roundness of the planet, viruses and

bacteria, the DNA chain, and the list could go on forever. From how fire works to the microbiological function of the mitochondria in a liver cell, there's been an awful lot that humans weren't capable of understanding but were nonetheless. So, before we get too pleased with ourselves and wave off astrology as hokey, we should temper our self-assurance with the evidence of our historical shortcomings.

The scientist on TV explained that energy between planets, for now, seems undetectable, just as we move through a body of air all the time, but are usually unaware of it. But lack of awareness isn't the same as non-existent. Are you aware of your pancreas right now? There you go. So, said the scientist, the entire universe is connected energetically like we are connected inside one body of air.

OK, I'll go with this. It's a reasonable explanation for the shenanigans that occur during Mercury Retrograde. Yes, back to that allegedly airy-fairy astrology.

What is Mercury Retrograde, you ask? It happens periodically throughout the year, lasting for a couple weeks, where Mercury's orbit around the sun appears to move backwards, much like hubcaps can seem to spin backwards at high speed. As the planet that rules communication, when Mercury hits "reverse," it upsets communication, whether it's conversation, email, computers or telephones. Arguments flare up for no good reason, computers crash, misunder-



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standings escalate, typos are rampant, and contracts signed during this time often turn out disastrous. True, these things happen all the time, but during Mercury Retrograde, they seem more frequent and more severe.

I've noticed the pattern over and over, and being a Gemini, ruled by Mercury, I get a double whammy. My communications get scrambled exponentially during retrogrades. My most glorious communication catastrophes have happened during Mercury Retrograde, whether it's a family feud or a column that went ballistic or a complete hard drive crash.

Experience forces me to be aware when Mercury Retrograde is approaching, and once we're in the thick of it, to think twice before I say something jagged or fire off a smoldering email. But it's not easy. I feel that irresistible gravitational pull, and my self-control bar isn't set that high to begin with. I can go into verbal smackdown with anyone who has it comin' on any random day. During Mercury Retrograde, however, it requires extra discipline to not "go there."

Trouble is, discipline ain't my best feature. My inner Genghis Kahn is easily tweaked during Mercury Retrograde: "I am the punishment of God. If you had not committed great sins, God would not have sent a punishment like me upon you."

You know "That Col-

umn" of mine that just twisted your nipples and compelled you to fire off an irate letter to the editor, most likely containing the words "rant" and "ilk"? (Compulsory words for hate mail, by the way. There must be a manual out there somewhere... Hate Mail for Dummies.) You can thank my inner Genghis for those, and probably Mercury Retrograde too. And, by the way? You had it comin'.

So. The sideways downhill slope is underway. Mercury Retrograde began on Aug. 2, and ends on Aug. 26. Are you getting in more petty squabbles and confrontations than usual lately? People inordinately cranky? Losing your patience easily? Uh huh. Be aware of unusual communication and computer-related snags these next couple weeks. See if you can detect that subtle force that pulls your communication sideways and into the weeds. If you're aware of it, you can compensate. Overpower it. Stay on course. As for computer crashes, lost files, and the like? Sorry. You're screwed. No amount of awareness will prevent those. Just cry a little and move on.

At least this Mercury Retrograde will be entertaining. It was just in time for the worse communicators on earth — our "leaders" in Congress — to attempt to resolve our national debt ceiling crisis.

Fun times.

Main Street open during construction

This letter is to remind you that even while construction is happening at the corner of First and Main Streets, the businesses are still open for business.

Business owners want to insure that everyone knows that all businesses remain open their regular hours and are accessible during the streetscape construction. Please know that the businesses located on Main Street, especially those on both

sides of the corner where the majority of construction is being done, are open and ready to serve you.

There is no doubt that once the construction is done things will return to normal. Things will hopefully even improve for the businesses on Main Street, which will help things improve for everyone in town. We ask that you please take the time to patronize your local businesses and support them during this project.

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Executive Director,
Winters Chamber of Commerce

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of higher crime rates associated with MMDs, and noted a recent assault in Winters that occurred while the only officer on duty was in Woodland booking someone into jail. That in mind, said Wallace, “staff felt they had no choice but to follow Woodland.” He added that this doesn’t mean that individuals who need medical marijuana can’t have access to it in town. Those who have a medical marijuana card, under the Compassionate Use Act, can grow up to six plants at home. Although this is also technically against federal law, Wallace said that the federal government isn’t interested in pursuing individuals who grow marijuana for medical use, and considers doing so “a waste of the US Attorney’s Office resources.”

“There is an avenue for relief that does not involve dispensaries,” said Wallace. As for the dispensaries themselves, he summarized, “We simply do not have the resources.”

Following Wallace’s report, Lieutenant Sergio Gutierrez gave a PowerPoint presentation showing various crimes and police raids in Sacramento associated with MMDs in larger cities, ranging from assault to improper use of “non-profit” income. One video involved a stabbing that occurred outside an MMD.

“These are examples of things that can occur outside these facilities,” said Gutierrez.

He noted that it’s not just dealing with making arrests for crimes associated with MMDs that is the problem, but also the investigation and court time involved for both arrests and raids, requiring personnel, resources and time. He added that the expected release of non-violent offenders from prison (AB 109) will further strain police resources.

“It could very easily overcome a small agency like us,” said Gutierrez. “It’s pretty much impossible.”

He did confirm Wallace’s position about legally obtained medical marijuana, “We’re not concerned about those people using it within the scope of the law,” said Gutierrez.



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Three planning commissioners were sworn in at the July 26 meeting. From left are Bill Biasi, Luis Reyes and incumbent Bruce Guelden.

He clarified that it isn’t the medical marijuana itself that the police department is concerned about, “it’s the unlawful activities that may occur as the result of a dispensary being brought into the community.”

Commissioner Philip Meisch then proceeded to grill Wallace about the breadth and depth of his comparison for MMDs. Wallace said he spoke with approximately 20 other city attorneys and “none of them were enthused.” He said he also spoke with City of Santa Barbara staff about the impact of MMDs in the community.

Meisch seemed skeptical, and commented as he leafed through Wallace’s staff report, “I’m just not sure where some of the information came from.” Wallace replied that there are hundreds of conditions that allow medical marijuana use, including writer’s cramp.

“If you go online and look at California medical marijuana cards, it’s now a cottage industry,” said Wallace. “People have acquired cards who don’t appear to need to have them. If you have \$150, you can get a medical marijuana card.”

Meisch asked if Wallace had investigated the actual fiscal impact on cities with medical marijuana dispensaries, including the court and litigation costs. Wallace said he had investigated this with the City of Oakland, which he noted

small town.

“It’s inaccurate to paint with a broad stroke all dispensaries to large dispensaries in Sacramento. There are bad parts of town, and crime is there. To say crime is the result of a collective—that is just false.” She made the same criticisms of Wallace.

“He should base comparison to similar towns,” said Loren, recommending a better vetting process. She also noted that the new police station is almost finished, and that officers will be able to book detainees there and will no longer need to drive to Woodland and leave Winters uncovered, which “should solve that problem.”

“I encourage researching non-profit stores that are successful and don’t violate the non-profit status,” said Loren. “I don’t think we should base our decisions on what Woodland would do, we should base our decisions on what the compassion of Winters would do.”

Next to the podium was Carol Ellis, who has worked for Americans for Safe Access for 22 years and manages a not-for-profit MMD in Sacramento. She refuted the claim of increased crime.

“There was only one incident in six and a half years that involved police,” said Ellis. “The Sacramento police chief has gone on record saying (an MMD) doesn’t create any more crime than any other business in Sacramento.”

She also pointed out that Sacramento charges \$60,000 in permit fees for an MMD, plus it charges an extra 4 percent sales tax on medical marijuana, which brings revenue to the city and mitigates law enforcement expense.

“There are businesses that can make a bad example of any business,” said Ellis, inviting the commissioners to visit her facility and see for themselves. She emphasized the professionalism of her office, which is “so opposite” of the atmosphere described earlier by Gutierrez. “No matter what Winters does, I invite you all to come see what the other side of the coin is.”

Nonetheless, Ellis added, “I have mixed feelings. I’m not sure Winters is the right community for it, but I’m available to answer questions.”

Following the pub-

lic hearing, there was no further discussion amongst the commissioners. Guelden made a motion to recommend that the city council adopt the ordinance, and Neu seconded. Meisch was the only dissenting vote.

EDAC

A recommendation to the city council to adopt the Grant Avenue Design Guidelines and amend the Winters Municipal Code was next on the agenda. Community Development Director reviewed the process that the Economic Development Advisory Committee underwent to develop the Grant Avenue Design Guidelines, and acknowledged the committee members, Wade Cow-

an, Lisa Baker, Bill Biasi, Joe Castro, Debra DeAngelo, Bill Hailey, Chris Turkovich, and Sandy Vickrey.

“There were many meetings that were held for this committee, all posted on the city website, and most if not all advertised in Winters Express, and all open to public,” noted Dyer.

She gave a brief PowerPoint presentation noting the scope of the design guidelines which address everything from connectivity to lighting, and overall aim to maintain the existing small town feel of Winters and require high quality design, materials and craftsmanship in new developments.

“The expectations

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Community

A short history of major changes to Putah Creek

By LIBBY EARTHMAN
Special to the Express

A large-scale restoration project in Putah Creek is scheduled to begin in August 2011. The project will narrow the channel, and create floodplains and walking paths. This is the third in a four-part series intended to inform those interested in the project. Putah Creek was once a very flood-prone system, with storm flows reaching almost 375,000 gallons per second (50,000 cfs) once every five years. With Monticello Dam, current peak storm flows rarely exceed 74,500 gallons per second (10,000 cfs) because 90 percent of the watershed is upstream of Monticello Dam.

Water is not the only thing retained behind the dam. The dam also traps gravel and cobble, leaving the creek with little ability to replenish its supply. Gravel and cobble are critical for insects, the base of the food chain, and as fish spawning habitat.

The completion of Monticello and Putah Diversion dams severely limits the creek's ability to move gravel and cobble downstream. However, gravel mining continued in some areas after dam construction, but the pools created by mining are no longer filled by natural processes.

The Putah Creek streambed and channel have been straightened by a number of groups. Settlers need-

ed a way to keep Davis and surrounding farmland from flooding, so they constructed a wide, straight channel south of Davis and moved the creek into it.

Putah Creek used to flow near downtown Davis in what is now the UC Davis Arboretum channel, but early settlers began the process of moving it south of town to its current channel in 1871, a project finished off with levees by the Army Corps of Engineers in the late 1940s.

Straightening the channel for flood conveyance also occurred at various locations upstream.

Straightening the channel alters the way the water's energy impacts the channel. For comparison, when we climb a hill in our car, we travel what are known as switchbacks: the curves in the road which make our journey a little longer, but make the road between the top and bottom less steep and ensure a controlled descent.

Taking the curves out of Putah Creek was like removing a road's switchbacks—it essentially made the creek steeper as it made its way to the Sacramento River.

This slightly steeper channel caused water to flow faster and with greater force. The base of the Railroad Bridge in Winters reveals three feet of rough-poured concrete, which was originally below ground. This indicates the channel has dug itself down three feet since 1906

when the bridge was built, caused in large part because of channel straightening downstream.

Putah Creek also has had a lot of vegetation removal. Until the 1950s, the Army Corps of Engineers removed most vegetation from Putah Creek's banks to enhance flood capacity, not realizing the impact this would have on erosion to the streambed. In addition to increased erosion, the bare banks became a haven for introduced species, such as arundo, eucalyptus and tree of heaven.

With the removal of native vegetation, invasive weeds were able to establish along the creek. Himalayan blackberry and arundo (false bamboo) trap sediment in high flows, and form hard areas, which deflect or push back storm flows that hit them. They don't react to storm flows the same way native vegetation does.

Unlike our native streamside vegetation, which loses its leaves in the winter and is flexible enough to bow over during high flow, invasive weeds such as arundo are rigid. This can both trap sediment and cause erosion by diverting the flow of water onto the bank.

Evergreen streamside weeds are particularly problematic. Leaves increase flow resistance, slowing floodwaters and robbing water of the energy necessary to transport fine sediment downstream. As sediment accumulates at



This 1955 photograph shows the lack of trees and other vegetation on Putah Creek.

Courtesy photo

the base of blackberries and arundo, the floodplains grow higher above the creek, making it hard for native seedlings whose roots seek water before the summer heat returns.

The major restoration project scheduled to begin in August 2011 will remove invasive plants, grade the floodplain, and create a meandering course for Putah Creek between the Winters Car Bridge and Interstate 505.

The creek's banks will be planted with native trees and plants, and walking paths will give residents and visitors the opportunity to walk on both the north and south banks along this stretch of public land.

Each week, from now until mid-August, local groups will provide information about this project in local newspapers and online at www.cityofwinters.org and www.putahcreekcouncil.org.

Downtown streetscape project continues

Phase II of the Downtown Streetscape Project is continuing. The entrance to the intersection on the east side of First Street (from First Northern Bank to the Metro PCS Store) has been reopened. The entrance on the south side of Main Street (from First Northern to Classic Cuts) remains closed and should be reopened sometime the week of Aug. 8.

On Monday, Aug. 1, demolition started on the west side of First Street (from Classic Cuts to Eagle Drug) and is expected to be completed in about two weeks. The work on the intersection (from Eagle to Metro PCS) will not start until the section from First

Northern to Classic Cuts is reopened, as only two entrances to the intersection will be closed at one time.

Work on the mid-block crossing will begin this week, probably on Thursday, Aug. 4. Initially, the construction will be occurring in the middle of the street, with traffic routed around the construction work through parking spaces. When the work in the middle of the street is completed, that roadway will be re-opened and the midblock crossing work will shift to the outside (parking spaces). This will insure that traffic will be able to move in both directions throughout the mid-block crossing work.

For additional infor-

mation, call contact

Dan Maguire at 795-

4910, ext. 118.

Calendar

Thursday, August 4

School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Walnut Room, school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave.

Friday, August 5

Chamber of Commerce board meeting, 7 a.m., Chamber office (Winters Visitors Center), 7 a.m.

Saturday, August 6

Friends of Winters Parks clean up, Saturday, Aug. 6, City Park playground, 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Monday, August 8

Chamber Mixer, 5:30 p.m., Berryessa Gap Winery, 27260 Highway 128

Wednesday, August 10

Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting, 7 a.m., Cody's

Ongoing

Thursdays: Winters Rotary Club meeting, noon, The Buckhorn; **Bilingual Storytime**, 6:30 p.m., Winters Community Library; **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, 8 p.m., 305 First St.

Sundays: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 9 a.m., 305 First St.

Tuesdays: Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 6-7 a.m., 305 First St.

Wednesdays: Soroptimist meeting, 7 a.m., call 795-4631 or 795-2828 for location information; **Narcotics Anonymous meeting**, 7 p.m., 62 Shams Way

Upcoming events

Garden Goddesses talk/book-signing, Wednesday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m., Winters Community Library

AARP Driver Safety Class, Monday Aug. 22 and Tuesday, Aug. 23, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Community Center

Earthquake Street Festival, Friday, Aug. 26, 5-11 p.m., downtown Main Street

Festival de la Comunidad, Saturday, Sept. 24, 5-10 p.m., Rotary Park

(To list your non-profit local event on the Winters Express calendar, email information to news@wintersexpress.com or call 795-4551.)

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She gave a brief PowerPoint presentation noting the scope of the design guidelines which address everything from connectivity to lighting, and overall aim to maintain the existing small town feel of Winters and require high quality design, materials and craftsmanship in new developments.

“The expectations are all listed in the design guidelines,” said Dyer, noting that the document may be read online at the city’s website. “The main goal is to provide clear guidance to property owners and design professionals in planning and designing new buildings and remodeling existing structures in this area.”

At a public hearing on the matter, committee member Hailey suggested that opportunities for public hearings be included earlier in the development process, rather than at the end when plans are in place.

“It is at this time when public input will give you the greatest bang for your dollar,” said Hailey. “It gives a developer more traction as he goes through review process. By the time you get to step 8 or 9, your project is pretty well solidified, and have spent a lot of money on engineering and environmental reviews. By the time you get to step 8 or 9, there should be little public comment, or none.”

Dyer responded that staff can already recommend a public hearing earlier in the process, and does so when the project is “controversial or large.”

“I’m troubled by the dissolution of the EDAC,” said Lynette McClure, the next person to the podium. “I think the voice of the citizens in a committee is important, not just in an advisory role. What we learned in some of the things of the past year is that the more dialogue there is, on a committee level, the better the results.

“I think an economic development committee is a forward-facing development for the city. We need community members who have status and meet with people who are interested in coming to Winters. Some of the things that have occurred in the past could have been alleviated.”

“Why was committee disbanded?” asked Neu.

City Manager John Donlevy explained that the original Economic Development Commission was disbanded before he arrived here 10 years ago.

“Staff isn’t recommending that we not have an economic development committee, just not as part of the review process,” said Donlevy.

Guelden praised the Grant Avenue Design Guidelines.

“They’re pretty conclusive, I’m very comfortable with everything in there, and if this is a process to streamline, it will streamline,” said Guelden. “A very good job was done the whole way through.”

“I feel like we really incorporated a lot of the concerns that came up,” said Biasi.

Cowan expressed thanks to the committee members, noting a lot of time was spent on making the language in the guidelines precise.

“I don’t think we overdid it. I think it will work well with developers,” said Cowan. “I really believe that if a developer used this the way it’s intended to be used, when they get to us, it should be a really simple process.”

The motion to approve the resolution to adopt the design guidelines passed unanimously.

Other items

The construction of a 1,500 square foot modular unit to house a field office for the American Council for Food Safety and Quality in the parking lot on the north east corner of Railroad Avenue and East Abbey Street, adjacent to the Mariani Nut Process-

ing Warehouse, was approved unanimously. The building will be used for lab testing and quality control of nuts and nut products from the Mariani warehouses.

Some of the commissioners had questions about driveway and handicapped access, but at the public hearing, an associate of the builder, Robert Miller, was representing the actual builder, Eric Doud, and was unable to answer specific questions about lighting, landscaping and handicapped access.

Gus Mariani represented the Mariani Nut Company, and assured the commission, “We’ll address everything we need to do as far as ADA standards with Eric’s company.”

Cowan expressed concern that Doud was not present.

“With his history

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POLICE

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July 30

~ 1:20 p.m., Brandon Michael Hicks, 19, of Vacaville, was issued a notice to appear on a charge of driving with a suspended driver's license.

~ 9:15 p.m., Natalie Ann Higginbotham, 22, of Winters, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence, driving with a blood alcohol level of more than 0.08 percent, and driving at an unsafe speed. Higginbotham was booked at the Winters Police Department, and later released with a notice to appear to the custody of a sober adult.

~ 11:16 p.m., Monette Cueva, 35, of Winters, was issued a notice to appear on a charge of driving without a driver's license.

July 31

~ 11:50 a.m., 100 block of Myrtle Drive, officer assisted the Yolo County Sheriff's Department with a physical fight. The officer waited until additional units arrived and then returned to Winters.

FIRE

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aid, vehicle accident
~ 10 block of Fredericks Drive, unknown medical aid

July 23

~ 900 block of East Grant Avenue, medical aid, victim fainted

July 24

~ County Road 29A, east of Buckeye Road, medical aid, biker down

~ Highway 128, east of Valley Oak Drive, medical aid, biker down

July 25

~ 400 block of Creekside Way, medical aid, cut on chin

~ 500 block of East Street, medical aid, difficulty breathing

July 26

~ County Road 31 and Buckeye Road, medical aid, vehicle into ditch

~ 900 block of East Grant Avenue, unknown medical aid

July 28

~ Gaddini and Putah Creek roads, mutual aid to Dixon, vehicle accident

~ 200 block of West Grant Avenue, medical aid, unconscious female

~ Southbound Interstate 505, medical aid, heat exhaustion

~ 400 block of Grant Avenue, vehicle accident

July 29

~ 1000 block of McArthur Avenue, medical aid, victim of a fall

July 30

~ 200 block of Niemann Street, intoxicated subject

July 31

~ 24000 block of Buckeye Road, medical aid, victim of a fall

~ 100 block of Russell Street, unknown medical aid

~ 20 block of East Abbey Street, unknown medical aid

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with the planning commission and desire to sometimes completely change the designs of his buildings after they're approved, it's necessary to make perfectly clear that any deviations from descriptions, attachments or descriptions must be brought back to this commission,"

said Cowan.

"We need to make sure that what's in these drawings actually gets built, otherwise there's no purpose in us being here. Other than that, I'm all for it."

Cowan expressed faith in the City Building Official, Gene Ashdown, to stay on top of the handicapped accessibility issues, however.

"I'm sure that'll get

taken care of," said Cowan.

The only other item was an announcement from Cowan that the City Park cleanup is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and everyone is invited to come help.

Commissioner Joe Tramontana was absent at the July 26 meeting.

The commission meets again on Tuesday, Aug. 23.

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Entertainment

Salgado coming to The Palms Friday

Portland bluesman Curtis Salgado is one of the great vocalists in blues. His soulful singing incorporates Stax-style soul, Al Green type ballads, and blues-soaked Rhythm and Blues. Added to the mix is Salgado's stature as one of the top tier harmonica players in contemporary blues.

Salgado burst on the scene over 30 years ago as lead singer for the Robert Cray Band and briefly sang with Roomful of Blues before heading off onto his own impressive solo career. Over the course of this career Salgado has incorporated a broad array of influences into the typical Chicago blues sound including funk, soul, jazz, pop, Latin that is powerful and groove oriented.

Salgado writes some



Courtesy photo

Blues vocalist Curtis Salgado will perform at The Palms Friday, Aug. 5.

of his own material as well as interpreting a variety of songs, finding the soul in any style of music. From Pavarotti to Sam Cooke, from Otis Redding to Merle Haggard, he can sing it all.

"It's about heart and belief," says Salgado.

Salgado will be at The Palms on Friday, Aug. 5, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are

\$20, and are available at Pacific Ace Hardware in Winters, Armadillo Music in Davis, Watermelon Music's new branch location in Woodland, online at tickets.com, and at the door if not sold out.

For more information, call 795-1825 or visit palmsplayhouse.com or curtissalgado.com.



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The Flatland String Band will perform at Root Stock on Friday, Aug. 5.

Flatland String Band to perform at Root Stock

The Flatland String Band will perform from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Root Stock, 22 Main St., Winters.

The band features Mary Neri King on violin, Jamie Knapp on guitar, and Rick Palkovic on guitar and mandolin. Known for their vocal performances, this evening the Flatland String Band will explore its instrumental side.

In their persona as

an instrumental trio, the Flatland String Band embraces music from South America, Europe and the Great American Songbook. Venture with them from Celtic classics to Cole Porter, with stops along the way for Brazilian choro, bossa nova, straight-ahead jazz and a classical piece or two.

"Their music, flowing from vibrant to pensive and back

again, makes the perfect backdrop for wine tasting and engaging conversation," a news release said.

During the performance, Root Stock will offer store-wide sale of 10 percent off all home decor. Also, visitors may enjoy an olive oil tasting featuring seven local producers in one location.

For more information, go to rootstock-gifts.com.

Yolo County Fair opening night gala planned

The Yolo County Fair in conjunction with Capay Valley Vision invites everyone to the "Yolo County Fair Opening Night Gala Event" on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 6 8 p.m. in the Agriculture Building at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. There will be a first peek at the educational booths and award winning produce, grains, amateur wine and olive oil exhibits.

The opening night of

the fair, the Ag building is turned into a social hub for two hours. Attendees will be sampling Yolo County's Bounty of local wines, olive oils, nuts, produce and restaurant fare while socializing and being serenaded by local musicians.

New this year prior to the opening of the event: buyers from the food industry including restaurants, hospitals, farm to school, farm stands and grocery stores to come and meet the grow-

ers/producers and sample the local harvests and taste the difference local makes. Reserve a place by calling 787-3353.

Tickets are on sale now: \$10 in advance at the Capay Valley Vision/Esparto Chamber office in downtown Esparto and at the Yolo County Fair office, or \$15 at the door.

For more information contact Monique, 787-3353, or the fair office, 402-2222.

Get ready to shake it up

◆ **Earthquake Street Festival takes over Main Street on Friday, Aug. 26, 5-11 p.m.**

Summer is just about over when downtown Main Street fills up at the end of August, and the community gathers to enjoy plenty of food, friends and free entertainment. It's the Earthquake Street Festival, one of the biggest events of the year in Winters, and this year's street party starts shaking it up at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26.

Kicking off this year's festival once again is the City of Winters After School program at 5 p.m. with free children's activities such as hula hoop and limbo competitions, and with prizes for the winners.

The Kalpulli Xihuacoatl Aztec dancers take center stage at 5:30 p.m., and at 6 p.m., local musicians Joey Sanders, Nick Hawley and Carlos Figueroa, known collectively as the band "Egg," will play classic and progressive rock and blues, followed by Los Charros Los Caporales at 6:30 p.m.

Los Charros Los Caporales will bring authentic ballet folklórico and lariat performances, as well as live mariachi music. The group is a Youth Day parade favorite, led by former Winters resident Abdon Loza. Featuring traditional dancing and lariat performances

from several regions of Mexico, the group aims to continue Mexican traditions and heritage.

Winters Has Talent has become a highlight of the Earthquake Street Festival, and in this third annual event, singers Stormi Norfolk, Christyna Lopez and Tessa Rawlinson will take on defending champion Allie Griffey for top talent honors.

Following Winters Has Talent is the main attraction — a street dance with the Time Bandits, known for their big, brassy sound and classic rock and R&B hits. Booties will start shaking on the asphalt dance floor at 8 p.m., right up to the end of the festival at 11 p.m.

While non-stop entertainment unfolds at one end of the block, the rest will be filled with a variety of food, crafts booths and children's activities and bounce houses, as well as one of the main draws, the ever-popular Chamber of Commerce beer booth. Beyond Main Street, many local businesses and restaurants will have special items and activities offered for the hundreds of people who head downtown to send summer off in style.

The Earthquake Street Festival is sponsored by the Winters Chamber of Commerce, and is the Chamber's biggest fund-raisers of the year. The Chamber is still seeking sponsors for this event.

For more information, call 795-2329.

Mixer at Berryessa Gap Winery

The Winters Chamber of Commerce monthly Mixer will be held on Monday, Aug. 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. hosted by the Berryessa Gap Winery, located at 27260 State Highway 128.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 795-2329.

Garden Goddesses to visit local Library

What is there to gardening beyond tending roses or just growing parsley? Ever wonder what it would be like to grow your own food rather than a lawn? Or what sort of things to grow to spice up your life or cure what ails you?

Meet the Garden Goddesses — Spring Warren and Kami McBride — who are making their first presentation and book-signing together on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Winters Community Library, 708 Railroad Avenue.

Spring Warren, author of "The Quarter Acre Farm," will talk about her experience in growing 75 percent of her food on her own quarter-acre residential lot in Davis. Not one inch of her front or backyard is wasted, all filled with a bounty from fresh greens to fruit trees.

Kami McBride, author of "The Herbal Kitchen," will discuss the many things that can easily be grown in the Yolo County area to ease coughs and allergies, soothe skin rashes and be sipped as relaxing teas. An expert on herbal medicine, McBride teaches classes on topics ranging from making lotions to a full-year course on herbal medicine. She has led numerous hikes at Stebbins Cold Canyon.

Yolo County Library is sponsoring the event.

For more information, call the Winters Community Library, 795-4955, or Debra DeAngelo, 795-4551.



Coming up

Marcia Ball Band - Saturday, Aug. 6

Marshall Crenshaw & The Bottle

Rockets - Tuesday, Aug. 9

Eilen Jewell - Friday, Aug. 12

Rick Estrin & the Nightcats - Saturday, Aug. 13

Call 795-4551 to subscribe to the Winters Express.

Sports

Winters athletes third in triathlon

Steve Brown, Zephyr Snyder and Nate Snyder took third place in relay at Vineman Triathlon in Windsor on July 31.

The Full Ironman Triathlon 2011 marks the 22nd Annual Full Vineman Triathlon, making it the oldest independent full-distance triathlon in the continental United States. The experience that Vineman athletes had was unmatched, as they swam 2.4 miles, biked 112 miles and ran 26.2 miles through beautiful Sonoma County's wine country.

Team results

~ Steve Brown – Swam 2.4 miles in 1:10:13
~ Zephyr Snyder – Biked 112 miles in 6:04:52
~ Nate Snyder – Ran 26.2 miles (full marathon) in 4:00:00
~ Total time: 11:18:39

The team placed 226th out of 821, and third place in men's (total age was 119).

Note: Team Winters Warriors' total age was 103.



Courtesy photo
Steve Brown, Nate Snyder and Zephyr Snyder (l to r) competed in a 22nd Annual Full Vineman Triathlon, finishing third in their age group.

Booster Club plans golf tournament

Come one, come all foursomes to the first Winters High School Booster Club golf tournament and tri-tip dinner, to be held at Wild Wings golf course on Sunday, Sept. 25.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble. Prizes will be given for longest drive, closest to the pin, best team score and best mixed foursome score (no more than two players).

The entry fee is \$70 per person or \$260 per foursome. This includes 18 holes of golf, cart, tri-tip dinner and prizes.

Donations to the Booster Club and sponsorships for the tournament are welcomed: \$500 MVP Sponsor (includes four golf entries), \$250 All League Sponsor (includes two golf entries) and \$100 Honorable Mention.

For more information, contact Debbie Geerts at 867-1662 or b a n d - dgeerts@yahoo.com

Track athletes receive awards

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

Coach Tyson Allen of the Winters High School track team gave recognition to individuals in May for their success and leadership during the 2010-11 season. Receiving individual awards for the boys varsity and JV teams were Alex Evanoff, Trevor Wright and Justin Nitzkowski.

Evanoff and Wright both received the Block W Coaches Award for the varsity team. Evanoff also earned the Block W Senior Scholar Ath-

lete Award. Nitzkowski received the Block W Coaches Award for the boys JV team.

For the varsity and JV girls teams, Ashley Andersen, Taylor Hofstrand and Angelica Arellano received awards. Anderson earned the Block W Senior Scholar Athlete Award. Hofstrand received the Block W Coaches Award for the varsity team, while Arellano received the Block W Coaches Award for the JV team.



TREVOR WRIGHT



ALEX EVANOFF



JUSTIN MITZKOWSKI



TAYLOR HOFSTRAND



ASHLEY ANDERSEN



ANGELICA ARELLANO

Swim team awards planned Aug. 22

The Winters Swim Team awards night is planned at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, at the Bobbie Greenwood Community Pool.

Fall sports ready to start practicing

◆ Players must have physical and parent permission forms

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

The Winters High School 2011-12 school year is just around the corner, with the first day of school scheduled for Monday, Aug. 15, but fall sports will start a week earlier. On Monday, Aug. 8, the Warriors will begin their quest for success in three different sports, with the football team going first.

Both the JV and varsity football teams will begin double days with their first session on Monday, Aug. 8, from 8 to 10 a.m. The football players will return to the practice field from 4 to 6 p.m. for their second session.

The swim team will have its first official practice at the Bobbie Greenwood Swimming Pool from 9 to 11 a.m., while the JV and varsity volleyball

teams will start Monday afternoon from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Winters High School Gym.

All athletes that plan on participating in any of the Winters High School athletic programs must have a current physical and a signed parent permission form before they can participate. Athletes can pick up the required forms from the high school office.

PISANI'S ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jason Pate

Jason Pate, a senior on the Winters High School varsity football team is athlete of the week.

Pate has been putting in the time and effort during the summer workouts and the results are starting to show.

"Jason has been working very hard all summer," said coach Daniel Ward. "In the weight room and on the field, he has been doing the right things to make himself better. Despite two injuries at camp, he was still very effective and impressive on both sides of the ball. He will play a big part in our success this year."

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Schools



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Sophia and Lola Garibay harvest chilies in the Winters Community Garden.

Winters Farm to School Event

Bring the whole Family for an End of Summer Extravaganza with fun food-themed activities and games (free) and a Night Swim Party (\$1) sponsored by the Winters Farm to School Program and the City of Winters on Friday, Aug. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the community pool and library patio.

Winters Farm to School is a group of parents, teachers, cafeteria staff, local farmers and other community members who have come together to inspire the area's children to enjoy local, fresh and flavorful produce in their school lunches.

"We know that Winters farms grow premium fruits, nuts and vegetables that are appreciated across the

country and around the globe," a news release said. "It only makes sense that our own children enjoy these same benefits in their school lunches. As our program grows, we'll include school gardens, have farmers join kids for lunch in the cafeteria, and better yet, fund local farm field trips so kids can pull up a fresh carrot and taste the difference!"

Attend this event to learn more about what Winters Farm to School is working on and how everyone can get involved. Games about local produce as well as crafts, face painting, story time, easy breakfast recipes and lunch ideas will be offered. Children completing all activity stations will receive

an age-appropriate, food-themed book, either in English or Spanish, sponsored by Winters Friends of the Library.

Fat Face Popsicles will sell fresh fruit popsicles for \$3. Yolo County Library and Winters Healthcare Foundation are additional sponsors of the event.

"The next time you are in the library, be sure to explore the farm and food book display; all books in the display are available for checkout," the news release said.

For more information, contact Joan Brenchley at brenchj@arc.losrios.edu or 795-1600 (o en español, Ana Kormos, akormos@wintershealth.org o 212-1040.)

School board meets for budget reduction workshop, more

The Winters School Board will meet on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room at the school district office, 909 W. Grant Ave. The agenda includes:

- ~ Communication and reports
- ~ Consideration of three board resolutions on budget revision, temporary borrowing between funds

and teacher certification

- ~ Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report

~ Information on new and revised board policies and administrative regulations

- ~ Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee to respond to the Grand Jury

~ Information on

CSBA Conference

- ~ Budget reduction discussion and workshop

~ Consent agenda (approval of minutes, personnel, designation of superintendent as non-administrative for CBEDS accounting purposes, and quarterly report on Williams Uniform Complaints).

Family mental illness education program

A free, 12-session course for caregivers and family of those who suffer from a serious brain disorder (sometimes called mental illness) will run from Sept. 12 to Nov. 21 in Woodland. The sessions are on Monday evenings, 6:15-9 p.m.

The Family-to-Family Education Program, developed by NAMI National, helps care givers understand the biology of serious brain disorders and gives helpful suggestions on developing effective communication.

The course is limited to 16 persons and registration is required.

For more information visit www.namiyolo.org/keys.htm To register, call NAMI-Yolo, 756-8181.

Site council has vacancy at Winters Middle School

Winters Middle School Site Council has one parent vacancy. This seat is for a two-year term. Anyone interested in running for Site Council at Winters Middle School must turn in a written request to be placed on the ballot by Aug. 23. Important dates for selection include:

~ Aug. 23: Deadline to apply to be on the ballot

~ Aug. 24: Names of candidates posted outside the office

~ Aug. 26: Deadline to submit "candidate statement" of 250 words or less translated into Spanish by the candidate or site translator

~ Sept. 2: One ballot sent home to each family

~ Sept. 15: Deadline to return ballots to WMS office, ballots placed in an envelope as received. At the end of the day on Sept. 15, the envelope will be sealed with the date written across the seal

~ Sept. 16: Ballots will be counted and all candidates will be notified of the election results by the SSC Nominating Committee

~ Sept. 26: First regular 2011-12 meeting, newly elected members

bers are trained and seated

What is school site council?

"We hope you will consider attending or joining the WMS School Site Council," a news release said.

This group meets once each month and has oversight of the School Improvement Program and the categorical budgets. The

Site Council also serves as the policy and governance oversight group for the school. The financial and policy issues of the council impact the school, parents and students. Those who are interested in applying should submit a brief written statement about why they would like to serve on the Site Council.

Al-Anon meets in Esparto

Al-Anon meets weekly in Esparto on Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. at Countryside Community Church, Grafton and Fremont Streets. Use the back door to enter.

AL-Anon is different than Alcoholics Anonymous. AA is for people who have a desire to stop drinking. Al-Anon is for those who have been affected by the alcoholism or the drinking of another.

For more information, call (916) 334-2970.

Warriors prepare for successful season

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports correspondent

The Winters Warriors football teams are getting ready to start the new season and have been preparing for most of the summer. Winters traveled to Gold Beach, Ore., in July, to participate in the annual team camp to help players come together

as a team. As printed in last week's paper, the Warriors came home with almost every award handed out at the camp because of their team work. The Butte View League once again will be very tough and very even, but the Warriors will be competing for a title if they continue to put in the work that is needed.

Physicals needed for fall sports

◆ Permission forms needed as well

By ERIC LUCERO
Express sports correspondents

With the 2011-12 school year just around the corner, Winters High School athletes are running out of time to get their sports physicals. All fall sports will begin official practice sessions on Monday, Aug. 8, and no athlete will be allowed to participate in any sport without a physical.

Sutter West Medical Group has agreed to volunteer its time to give any Winters High

School athlete a physical for \$20, which will be donated back to Winters High School athletics.

To receive a physical exam, athletes must make an appointment at the doctors' office at 111 E. Grant Ave., Suite 1, by calling 795-4591.

All athletes also must have a signed parent permission form turned into their coaches or the high school's main office before they can participate in any sport. Permission forms can be picked up at the office.



Photo by Ken Stewart

Mitchel Stewart gets ready to make a tackle during a scrimmage at Gold Beach football camp.



Photo by Ken Stewart

Austin Brickey holds off a teammate defender during offensive lineman drills at Gold Beach football camp.

Fun run benefits athlites

A Warrior Pride Fun Run is planned on Saturday Aug. 13, to raise funds for the Winters High School Sports Transportation Committee and the Winters Junior Warriors. The 10K walk/run starts at the Winters High School Track at 7 a.m., and the 5K walk/run starts at 7:15 a.m. Registration fees for the 10K run are \$45 and for the 5K run, \$35.

All are welcome to participate and awards will be given for most pledges raised (individual and team), most enthusiastic walker, and first to cross the finish line. Participant can collect donations to go towards the walk and will receive a fun run T-shirt with their registration.

Pre-register today on the event registration page at

<http://warriorpridefunrun.eventbrite.com>.

For more information, call Janelle Winslow, (707) 761-7399, or Jaime Garcia, 219-1984, or visit the Winters Jr. Warriors on Facebook.

Orange belt



Courtesy photo

Ariana Herrera was recently promoted from Orange belt to purple belt at Javier Martial Arts. "She is dedicated and committed to reaching her goal of Black belt," her teachers say.

Concerned About Osteoporosis?

Join a Research Study to Compare Supplements to Dairy Foods for Bone Health!




The USDA, Western Human Nutrition Research Center is seeking healthy postmenopausal women to participate in a research study that compares the effectiveness of calcium and vitamin D supplements to milk and yogurt intake for bone health.

Eligibility:
Postmenopausal, aged 50 -65 years
No use of hormone therapy
No use of tobacco products
Habitually low dairy intake
Not diagnosed with endocrine, metabolic or digestive disorders
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Willing to consume milk and yogurt products

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For more information about this exciting study, call (530) 752-5177
You can also find more information at the USDA-WHNRRC website
<http://www.ars.usda.gov/pwcdavis/whnrc>

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Features

Broken heart not just figure of speech

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Last December, my husband called the paramedics when I did not respond to him. They rushed me to the hospital when I began convulsing. I have no recollection of any of this. When I woke one week later, I was in the ICU. I was told that I had broken-heart syndrome. I also was told it has to do with blood pressure. Can you confirm that there is such a thing? — A.

ANSWER: Broken-heart syndrome is for real. It's a recent addition to the catalog of illnesses. Japanese doctors first described it, and called it Tako-tsubo cardiomyopathy. Cardiomyopathy is a heart illness that affects the heart muscle, not the heart arteries or heart valves.

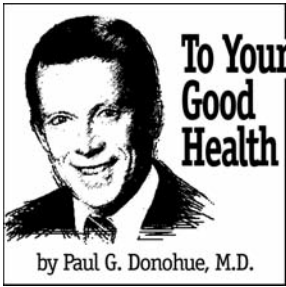
The classical case is one where a person develops severe chest discomfort preceded by physical or emotional stress. The emotional stress could be the unexpected death of a loved one. An EKG shows a pattern that replicates the pattern of a heart attack. The heart's function is greatly compromised. It doesn't pump blood like it should, and that can lower blood pressure. Seizures are not included in the list of symptoms. However, a drop in blood pressure also drops the flow of blood to the brain. That can trigger seizures.

The explanation for this is a surge in the body's stress chemicals that affect heart function. Damage to the heart muscle isn't permanent. The heart returns to good health in a matter of weeks.

You didn't mention any prior stress. Do you recollect any?

On the plus side, your heart arteries are in good shape, and you ought not to suffer a recurrence.

The booklet on congestive heart failure does not address broken-heart syndrome specifically, but it does detail a more common condition, its treatment and its prognosis. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 103W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$5 Canada with the recipient's printed



To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have weak kidneys due to type 1 diabetes. My doctor has me eating three fruits a day and four vegetables. He limited my meat to 6 ounces daily. Does this limitation of meat benefit my kidneys? — E.L.

ANSWER: Many times, when the kidneys aren't working up to par (weak kidneys), doctors put their patients on a reduced-protein diet. It slows the decline of kidney function. That's why your doctor limited your meat (protein) intake.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is distilled water bad for drinking? Can you chew too much gum? My husband chews about four pieces every day. — P.M.

ANSWER: Distilling water involves boiling water and condensing the water vapor by cooling it. Components dissolved in the water are left behind. You can drink distilled water. You will miss out on the minerals contained in most water and on fluoride added to city water, but you can get these elements in other ways.

If you chew too much sugar-containing gum, you promote cavities. Too much sugarless gum can cause diarrhea. Four sticks are not too much.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Just read the label



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WHAT'S THE POINT?

So this Fourth of July, I got to thinking about what it means to be American. Not in the patriotic or we're-better-than-they-are sense, but just in the label.

I was born in the state of New York, which is part of the United States of America and is in North America. My older brother was born in Argentina — that is in South America. My sister's husband's family is from Nicaragua, which is located in Central America. From what I can see, that makes us all Americans. Maybe here in the states we should try a little rebranding and call ourselves USAers, pronounced with a Brooklyn accent (you-say-uh). Let's see how that rolls off the tongue, "I'm not an ugly American, I'm a USAer."

OK, seriously, this makes me want to ask the question, "Why do people feel a need to label themselves?" Republican, Democrat, Liberal, Conservative, Gay, Straight, Raiders Fan, Giants Fan (yea, yea, different game), Black, White, Christian, Muslim, the list goes on and on. I know that historically we labeled ourselves to show inclusion in a family, group or clan. This was primarily for protection from or dominance over a rival group. But the world has changed.

For one thing, it's more homogeneous and we now know that as a species we have more in common than differences with people we don't know. For another point, the groups have just gotten too big for everyone to have a majority in common. Just as a simple example, in the U.S. there are 130 million voting-age people, if you take out the smaller parties, that still leaves more than 50 million people in each of the two major parties. I, for one, find it hard to believe that given their different life

experiences, educational and socio-economic backgrounds that all those people think, feel and believe the same way. So why do so many people want to march under a particular banner, and I guess my bigger question is, why don't I?

This may seem like an oxymoron, but I have always labeled myself as a non-conformist. Or to quote Groucho Marx, "I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members." I have always been predisposed to go in the opposite direction of the crowds as well as to question authority. Sure, I was once a teenager wanting to fit in, but I always felt I was different and didn't fit in. But even not fitting in comes with labels; loner, rebel, outcast, etc...

Currently, I guess my label would be "middle-aged, lower middle class, non-religious rural-urbanite white Hispanic of Jewish descent." Now, that's a mouthful. Maybe we should try a little rebranding here as well. Instead of middle-aged, I am now a semi-centenarian-something and with the way the economy is going, it won't be long until I'm part of the upper lower class. As for color, Casper the friendly ghost was white. I'm more of a dark pink with a touch of gray. I am a non-believer that Shirley keeps telling me is one of the "chosen people" and, yes, I do speak Spanish.

So, where is all this labeling and rebranding taking me? I guess if I have to be labeled, I want to set my own priority, so here goes. I am in this order: Human, Man, Husband, Son, Brother, Friend and Neighbor. You see, it's about

sharing the planet with other people, so what color my skin is, or what God I do or don't believe in, or even how much money I have, shouldn't matter. Sadly, it seems that according to the mainstream media, those things are all that matter.

That brings me back full circle to the whole American and USAer thing. What if I want to be part of a bigger group with a grander label? Let's say a citizen of the Earth, an Earther as they are called in the Science fictions movies. If the Supreme Court can grant corporations the same rights as people and corporations can be multi-national, why can't people be multi-national as well? I mean we're already so interconnected when it comes to commerce, entertainment and communications. If that connectivity can benefit mankind as a whole, why not expand it?

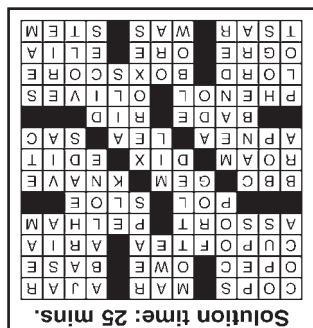
OK, so a few columns back I was ragging on the economic drawbacks of a "new world order." Now I'm wondering, if enough of the seven billion people on Earth are like-minded, that may not be a bad thing. As a matter of fact, I think the only way for survival in the future is through cooperation, compromise, and a lot less labeling.

For archives of Edmund's columns visit www.whatsthepoint-edmund.blogspot.com

Pleased to meet you



Name: Vince Cardinale
Occupation: owner of A to Z Motors LLC in Winters and Pleasant Hill (sells tractors, farm equipment and recreational vehicles)
Hobby: Spending evenings with my kids at the lake and walking through walnut orchards.
Favorite thing about Winters: "The list is very long — I used to live in San Francisco."
Fun fact: I love to visit Marettimo, a very small island with a population of 600 off the coast of Sicily. We have a house over there.



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GARDEN

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rashes, or can be transformed into healthful teas and syrups that alleviate congestion, stomach aches and allergies. Simple plants that grow wild everywhere in the Winters area, like oat grass, dandelion and elderberry, are practically a free pharmacy and can be grown at home.

In addition to leading the hikes, McBride teaches a year-long course on herbal medicine, and is certified as a continuing education provider for the California Board of Registered Nursing. She also teaches a variety of other classes ranging from making skin lotions and oils to edible gardens, and even intensive classes focusing just on tomatoes or teas. She is the author of “The Herbal Kitchen,” which features 250 healthful recipes for herbal oils, salts, vinegars, syrups, pestos and smoothies.

McBride became interested in herbal medicine in the early 1980s, following the death of a friend who died from complications from asthma medication.

“A couple people in my life got very sick taking pharmaceutical drugs,” she says, adding that her friend was only 21 years old when she died.

She started doing her own investigations into medication and natural remedies, and decided, “There’s got to be another way. We’ve got to do something different.” At the time, she’d never even heard of holistic healthcare, and now she’s an expert on the topic.

McBride was 23 when she set off on a journey all over the country to learn everything she could about herbal medicine, spending seven years on the road just gathering knowledge. One of those years was spent living on an organic farm to allow her enough time to learn about plants and herbs in depth, and to learn how to grow the herbs that could be used to make medicine.

“I became steeped in herbal medicine-making,” she says.

Her quest for knowledge for her own sake evolved into working with others to self-treat their ailments, and this eventually led to teaching classes professionally. McBride’s goal is to “empower people to use herbs in everyday health and home health care.”

McBride has seen with her own eyes the power of herbal medicine. Her young son has never been on antibiotics, and she says his asthma symptoms were eliminated using natural teas and steam.

“It’s a lot of work,” she admits.

Besides treating her son’s health issues using herbal medicine, McBride says she is at

the same time teaching him about the herbs and what they do.

“He knows that’s our inheritance,” she says. “A hundred years ago, when someone got sick, you went into your yard and picked something (to take care of it).”

This dissatisfaction for the nutritional status quo and the desire to find an alternate path are what also motivated Spring Warren to tear out both her front and back yard, and set off on a goal to grow or raise 75 percent of her food right there on her quarter-acre residential lot. This was the inspiration for her book, “The Quarter-Acre Farm.”

Like McBride, although Warren sought another way to stay healthy, she didn’t have an extensive gardening background, let alone one in farming, even on a small scale. She learned everything, literally, from the ground up. Her inspiration came while she and her husband were on a cross-country road trip. It was the year of the big “salmonella scare,” she says, when people were getting sick possibly from eating salads, and the actual culprit for the breakout was under investigation. Tomatoes, onions, peppers — everything was suspect, she says. Then she noticed what was passing by the car window.

“We were driving through the farmlands, and so much was corporate. We were seeing things sprayed.”

She also noticed feedlots and livestock yards, and started thinking about the salmonella outbreak, and how consumers don’t really know what’s been sprayed on their food or fed to the livestock. It dawned on her that if she grew her own food, she’d know exactly what was going onto her family’s dinner table. But she didn’t really know how. The only thing Warren had ever grown herself was tomatoes — a “hobby garden.” But she didn’t let that stop her.

“I could grow more,” she thought, and announced to her husband and son that she intended to produce 75 percent of their food herself, right there at home. How did they react?

“They were horrified.”

Warren got started by covering her lawn with cardboard and paper, piled with “huge amounts of mulch.” Rather than ripping the lawn out, her course of action was to smother the lawn with mulch, which required an ample supply. She learned to catch the sound of chain saws, mowers and grinders in the neighborhood and ask for the debris.

Besides transforming her lawn into usable farming space and planting fruit trees to satisfy her self-admitted sweet tooth, Warren also learned to raise chickens, and had to learn to freeze



Photo by Debra DeAngelo

Spring Warren (left) and Kami McBride discuss the medicinal uses of a common “weed” growing in Warren’s garden.

and can what she grew. Right from the start, she learned what grows really well in this area.

“The first month was the month of zucchini,” she says.

Despite these successes, it looks much smoother in print than in reality.

“I had problem after problem after problem,” she admits, and had to learn why some things grow well and some don’t, and why, and also had to figure out what caused her various failures and try again.

“I had to figure out the science of it, like that potatoes need cold weather.”

After a year’s worth of sweat-education, Warren met her goal. Seventy-five percent (by weight) of everything her family ate came from their own garden. So obsessed was she with this goal, she admits that it extended beyond eating at home. She kept track of what she ate in restaurants or at other people’s houses to make sure the 75 percent was an honest figure, and says sometimes she brought her own food to other people’s dinner parties if the percentages were getting too close. Now, that’s determination.

Although Warren and McBride share many common threads in their quest for healthier living, and although both live in Davis and are contributors to the iPinion Syndicate (www.ipinion.us), they’d never actually met until the opportunity arose for them to combine

their knowledge and present it to others interested in healthy living choices.

It was a hot summer day when they met at Warren’s house, which wasn’t hard to spot in a neighborhood of neatly mowed and landscaped front lawns — Warren’s is a riot of towering sunflowers, grape arbors and squash beds. The back yard is more of the same, with paths leading to raised beds, vegetable patches, fruit trees and a chicken coop, which is shared with a curious, charismatic white goose that waddles along the fence line to keep an eye on visitors.

The two talked about their histories and viewpoints, and then strolled through the back yard, McBride occasionally pointing to a “weed” and noting the medicinal value to be had for free. As they shared gardening tips and stories, successes and failures, a synergy began to emerge. This is what they will share with those who attend the Aug. 17 talk. There is no charge to attend, and there will be a question and answer period too. Copies of “The Herbal Kitchen” and “The Quarter Acre Farm” will be available for purchase and signing.

For more on McBride, visit www.livingawareness.com.

For Warren’s blog, visit www.thequarteracrefarm.com

For more about the Garden Goddesses’ visit to the Winters Community Library, call Toni Mendieta at the library, 795-4955.

FUTURE

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Woodland skews the focus to urban issues and concerns, they believe.

If it means losing a lot of 4-1 or 3-2 votes on the board, that’s fine, added Barth, a Sacramento-based lawyer. It’s not really about the votes, but giving someone with actual agriculture experience, like current 5th District supervisor and alfalfa farmer Duane Chamberlain, direct access to the halls of power.

“Even though he’s only one supervisor, that’s a presence of someone who can articulate very well those issues,” Barth said Tuesday. “We’re trying to avoid a substantial change that puts the focus of the 5th District in jeopardy.”

None of the maps do, said Craig Reynolds of Davis, a member of the redistricting committee; all three keep agriculture at the heart of the 5th District. Two of the maps swap Winters for a portion of Woodland, but that city is focused on agriculture as well, Reynolds said.

Moreover, only the city of Winters would be combined with West Davis in the 2nd District, continued Reynolds, who is also chief of staff for state Sen. Lois Wolk, D-Davis, who once represented the 2nd District. The surrounding farmland, on the other hand, would stay in the 5th.

In the wake of new U.S. census data, state law requires the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to redraw the five districts for its supervisors, equalizing the population in each.

That means letting a lot of blood out of West Sacramento’s 1st District, which has ballooned over the past decade to 48,700 residents, or more than 20 percent

above the target. And supervisors will have to find a way to inject about 4,700 people into the 2nd District, which hasn’t grown as fast.

Committee members have to deal with more than just the numbers, however. They also have to account for so-called “communities of interest,” or groups connected by criteria that include city of residence, affluence, race and language.

Cities are “the gold standard” when it comes to communities of interest, Reynolds said, so they were the building blocks the committee started with. Committee members had to make the puzzle pieces fit, so to speak, making sure each district balanced out when it came to population.

Keeping Winters in the 5th District would mean splitting up another city into three districts, something that “diminishes the effectiveness of the city or any community that’s being represented,” Reynolds said.

He pointed to one of the three maps now on supervisors’ desks: Winters stays in the rural district, which also swoops in to grab a part of UC Davis, something Reynolds said is “absurd”; there’s no way Winters residents or farmers in rural communities have more in common with UC Davis than other Davis residents.

“The most clearly identified community of interest is the city in which you live,” he added. “When you ask someone where they’re from, they talk about the city they’re from. ‘Cities are where people live and where they go to school and where they shop and where their neighbors are.’”

So he’s not a fan of breaking cities up more than they have to be, which would have been necessary to keep the population of Winters in the rural district, Reynolds said.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Winters will conduct a public hearing on August 16, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 318 First Street, Winters, California. Purpose of the public hearing is to consider adoption of City of Winters Ordinance No. 2011-04, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINTERS, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH THE VOLUNTARY ALTERNATIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PART 1.9 OF DIVISION 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE AND OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF WINTERS.

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City of Winters

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0104164 Title Order No. 100649977 Investor/Insurer No. 118261698 APN No. 030-391-014 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/28/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MIGUEL GARCIA, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 03/28/2006 and recorded 04/10/06, as Instrument No. 2006-0014052-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 08/11/2011 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **426 ANDERSON AVENUE, WINTERS, CA, 95694.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, as shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$370,710.25. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/30/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-6914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4044608 07/21/2011, 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011

Fictitious Business Name

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June 22, 2011
FREDDIE OAKLEY, CLERK
Linda Smith, Deputy
FBN NUMBER 2011-531
Fictitious Business Name
Katharseden Management Services
110 Touchstone Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691
Name of Registrant:
Katherine R. Gales
110 Touchstone Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691
Business Classification: Individual
Beginning Date of Business: 6/22/11.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California, County of Yolo
FREDDIE OAKLEY County Clerk/Recorder
Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
Published July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2011

Notice of Public Hearing**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 318 First Street, Winters, California, the City of Winters City Council will conduct a public hearing on the adoption of a resolution for the Grant Avenue Design Guidelines.

During the spring of 2011, the Economic Development Advisory Committee and City staff developed design guidelines for Grant Avenue. The study area includes properties contiguous with Grant Avenue from I-505 to East Street. The overall goal of the project was to engage the community in a discussion about potential design of buildings and land along Grant Avenue and develop a set of design guidelines for these properties. The guidelines are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15060(c)(3) and 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to provide citizens an opportunity to make their comments on the resolution known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or nelia.dyer@cityofwinters.org by 5 p.m. of the scheduled date of the public hearing described in this notice.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in these hearings, please contact City Clerk Nanci Mills at (530) 795-4910, ext. 101. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the hearing.

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For more information regarding this agenda item, please contact Nelia Dyer, Community Development Director at (530) 795-4910, ext. 114.

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they are good for you.**

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0024720 Title Order No. 4036024 Investor/Insurer No. 143606100 APN No. 038-424-021-000 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/15/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JOSHUA BENTON, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 06/15/2006 and recorded 06/22/06, as Instrument No. 2006-0024276-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 08/11/2011 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **205 ALMERIA PLACE, WINTERS, CA, 95694.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, as shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$535,181.40. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 05/24/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-6914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4042933 07/21/2011, 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011

Order to Show Cause for Change of Name

FILED Yolo Superior Court
July 14, 2011
By V Perez, Deputy
Case Number: P111-1437
Superior Court of California, County of Yolo
725 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Petition of
Jesse Crabtree
for change of name

Order to show cause for change of name

To all interested persons:
Petitioner: filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name, Jesse Joseph Crabtree. Proposed name, Tanoa Jesse Brunson.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: September 19, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Dept. 15.
The address of the court is
1100 Main Street, Ste. 300, Woodland, CA 95695

Date: July 14, 2011
Daniel P. Maguire
Judge of the Superior Court

Published July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2011

Trustee's Sale

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0032847 Title Order No. 110207342 Investor/Insurer No. 046702276 APN No. 003-462-004 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/17/2003, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JOHN WILLIAM KRAINTZ, AND LESLIE L KRAINTZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, dated 11/17/2003 and recorded 11/25/03, as Instrument No. 2003-0071664-00, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California, will sell on 08/18/2011 at 12:00PM, At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA. 95691 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **820 JEFFERSON STREET, WINTERS, CA, 95694.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, as shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$231,226.14. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 07/22/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-6914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4045716 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011

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(The County of Solano, in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, will provide accommodations for persons with disabilities who attend public meetings and or participate in county sponsored programs, services, and activities. If you have the need for an accommodation, such as, interpreters or materials in alternative format, please contact Kristine Letterman, Department of Resource Management at the address and phone number listed above.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Solano County Zoning Administrator will hold a public hearing to consider Minor Revision No. 1 to Use Permit No. U-10-05 of **John Ramos** for the addition of a 3,520 square foot accessory agricultural structure to house machinery associated with a walnut processing activity located at 9192 Boyce Road, Winters in an "A-40" Exclusive Agricultural Zoning District, APN: 0103-230-100. This project is determined to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Project Planner: Karen Avery)

If you challenge the proposed consideration in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Any person wishing to comment on the project and/or review the information contained within the project file may do so at the Solano County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, County Administration Center, 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2011. Interested persons may appear and be heard.

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Notice of Public Hearing**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 318 First Street, Winters, California, the City of Winters City Council will conduct a first reading and public hearing on an ordinance amending the text of Winters Municipal Code (WMC), Chapter 17.36 (Design Review).

Staff is proposing to amend Chapter 17.36 (Design Review) to include both the Form Based Code (WMC Chapter 17.58) and the Grant Avenue Design Guidelines as sources to consider for design review of new construction or modification to existing buildings. In addition, staff is proposing to remove references to the Economic Development Commission from Chapter 17.36. The ordinance is exempt from the CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to provide citizens an opportunity to make their comments on the ordinance known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or nelia.dyer@cityofwinters.org by 5 p.m. of the scheduled date of the public hearing described in this notice.

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The City's Municipal Code does not specifically recognize or regulate the establishment of businesses that may conflict with state and/or federal laws, including medical marijuana dispensaries. As a means to address the potential establishment of businesses and uses that may contravene state and/or federal law, an ordinance has been prepared to prevent the establishment of businesses and land uses that are prohibited by either state or federal law.

The ordinance is summarized, pursuant to the California Government Code, as follows:

This ordinance, if adopted, will prohibit the establishment and/or operation of any businesses and uses prohibited by state and/or Federal Law. The ordinance, if adopted, will prohibit any such uses even where a conflict exists between state and federal law. Among other types of uses, this ordinance will effectively prohibit the establishment or operation of medical marijuana dispensaries.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to provide citizens an opportunity to make their comments on the ordinance known. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Winters, Community Development Department, 318 First Street, Winters, CA 95694 or nelia.dyer@cityofwinters.org by 5 p.m. of the scheduled date of the public hearing described in this notice.

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Fictitious Business Name
Strelitzia Flower Co
J & D Wholesale
4614 2nd St. Ste 1, Davis, CA 95618
Name of Registrant:
Dean Labadie
5665 State Hwy 193, Newcastle, CA 95658
Janice Labadie
Business Classification: Husband and Wife
Beginning Date of Business: 1971/1984.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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